

Remarks

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended the title of invention, have amended the specification to recite the priority and continuing data for the above-identified application, and have inserted an Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Applicants maintain that the amendments to the specification raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered.

Claims 1-35 are present in the application as filed. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-35 without disclaimer or prejudice and added new claims 36-55. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 36-55 will be pending.

Support for claims 36-39 is found *inter alia* in claims 1-4 as filed, respectively; support for the term *fibrosis related pathology* is found *inter alia* on page 1, line 4; on page 7, lines 15-17; on page 8, lines 8 and 28; on page 14, lines 11-12; on page 15, lines 1-3 and 19-23; and on page 22, lines 1-4.

Support for claim 40 is found *inter alia* on page 4, line 28; on page 5, line 17; on page 6, lines 2-5; from page 26, line 28 to page 27, line 7; throughout Example 6, from page 35, line 14 to page 37, line 27; and throughout Example 8, from page 38, line 18 to page 41, line 6, especially page 41, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 41 is found *inter alia* on pages 1, lines 14-15; on page 2, lines 3 - 10, especially line 7; on page 7, lines 15-24, especially line 20; and on page 9, line 3, *inter alia*.

Support for claim 42 is found *inter alia* from page 4, line 26 to page 5, line 3; from page 5, line 29 to page 6, line 5; and

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from page 26, line 28 to page 27, line 7.

Support for claim 43 is found *inter alia* from page 4, line 30 to page 5, line 8; on page 26, lines 28 -30; on page 29, lines 15-19; and on page 31, lines 22-26.

Support for claim 44 is found *inter alia* in claim 27 as filed.

Support for claim 45 is found *inter alia* in claim 30 as filed.

Support for claim 46 is found *inter alia* on page 15, lines 19-23 especially line 20; from page 15, line 27 to page 16, line 2; and on page 22, lines 1-8, especially line 7.

Support for claim 47 is found *inter alia* in claim 24 as filed; and on page 15, lines 12-18.

Support for claim 48 is found *inter alia* on page 15, lines 19-23.

Support for claim 49 is found *inter alia* on page 4, line 28; on page 5, line 17; on page 6, lines 2-5; and on page 41, lines 3-6.

Support for claim 50 is found *inter alia* on page 7, lines 15-24; and from page 8, line 25 to page 9, line 6, especially on page 9, line 3.

Support for claim 51 is found *inter alia* from page 4, line 26 to page 5, line 8; from page 5, line 29 to page 6, line 5; and from page 26, line 28 to page 27, line 7.

Support for claim 52 is found *inter alia* in claim 29 as filed and page 15, lines 24-26.

Support for claim 53 is found *inter alia* in claim 32 as filed.

Support for claim 54 is found *inter alia* on page 15, lines 19-

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23; on page 19, lines 18-22; and on page 22, lines 1-8.

Support for claim 55 is found *inter alia* on page 15, lines 1-6.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed filing fee of \$300.00, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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